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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMATEUR RADIO TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE QUEEN.

1. THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE,  
MASSACHUSETTS IS PLANNING TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE FROM PRESI-  
DENT CARTER TO THE QUEEN VIA AMATEUR RADIO IN COMMEMORATION  
OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST TWO-WAY RADIO  
TRANSMISSION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EUROPE BY MARCONI IN 1903.  
THE EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE SOME TIME BETWEEN  
JANUARY 14 AND JANUARY 22, 1978.

2. BOTH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION (FCC) HAVE GIVEN APPROVAL FOR THE EVENT. DEPART-  
MENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL PROVIDED THE UK  
GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THE PROPOSAL AND ALSO WILL AGREE TO  
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MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO ITS PRESENT POLICY ON AMATEUR RADIO  
STATION TRANSMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL MESSAGES ON BEHALF OF  
THIRD PARTIES. THE UK GOVERNMENT INTERPRETS ARTICLE 41 OF  
THE RADIO REGULATIONS AS FORBIDDING THE USE OF AMATEUR  
STATIONS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICA-  
TIONS ON BEHALF OF THIRD PARTIES. THE U.S., ON THE OTHER  
HAND, VIEWS ARTICLE 41 AS ALLOWING FOR THESE KINDS OF

TRANSMISSIONS UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE ADMIN-  
ISTRATIONS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO BRING THIS PROPOSAL  
TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE UK AUTHORITIES AND INQUIRE  
WHETHER AN EXCEPTION TO UK INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 41  
CAN BE MADE IN THIS CASE IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE PROPOSED  
TRANSMISSION.

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